Dear Mr.Wehr !

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Many thanks for the package with the divers documents and pictures, the maps and the scripts.

I answer to the divers points:

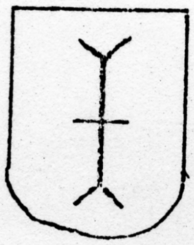
To A : It was be of interst to me, the Maps Nr.1 - 3 (Pennsylvania, Lancaster County and Philadelphia) to study.
The village "Durlach" had surely his name after the town "Durlach" nearly the town Karlsruhe (see the map of the town Karlsruhe).
The town Durlach in Germany was the metropolis of the county of Baden-Durlach until the year 1715; then Karlsruhe was the metropolis of Baden.

To B: I work at the "Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe", the archiv of the county Baden. There we have a library of 5o.ooo books.
The "Pennsylvania Folklife, Spring 1973, Vol.XXII,Nr 3" we have there and I know it. Many Americans write to us and research in our archiv for their ascendents in Baden.
The "Straßburger-Hinke - references" are standing at the "Landesbibliothek in Karlsruhe" and I know it. Also the books "3o.ooo names of emigrants" from Rupp we have.

The varions spelling of the name "Menzer - Meinzer"- is resulted from
1. the varions spelling of the names in the Church-rekords in Germany. From the year 15oo until 187o the pastors spells and writes the family-names diverse; an example of my own name: Linder, Linter, Lynter, Lyndar, Lindter.
   Today, the family-name Meinzer will be spelling and write in Karlsruhe and vicinity (Hagsfeld, Neureut and Knielingen) "M e i n z e r ",
2. the ship-lists with the emigrant-names are writed from writers, which writed leadly and writes the name after hearing and hearsay. Some of the emigrants also could not write.

Therefore, the name "Meinzer" ist spelled varied. Last week I founded another version: "Mointzer". So, we speak the name Meinzer in our dialekt.
In Pennsylvania Folklife are noted "Johannes Meinzer of Hagsfelden" and "Martin Meinzer of Knielingen". Surely, they was not related directly, but their ascendent can be the same.

To C+D: The Genalogy from the family Meinzer from John Franklin Mentzer ist very interested for me.

→ The photo-pictures from the tombstones of Frederick and Christina Meintz Snyder are a real sensation for me.
On the head of the tombstone of Frederick Meinzer ist an escutcheon:

The escutcheon of the village Hagsfeld in Germany is: